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## **SECRETARY OF STATE TO CANCEL INACTIVE VOTERS**

In accordance with state law, Secretary of State Jay Dardenne will authorize the cancellation of inactive voters from the state's voter rolls on Dec. 26, 2006. Inactive voters are those whose address cannot be confirmed following the annual voter canvassing effort by state and local elections officials. When voters are inactive for a two-year period and do not vote in any election during that time, state law requires the cancellation of their voter registration.

"The affected individuals have not voted in the past two years and have not responded to canvassing efforts or other attempts to confirm their registration address," Secretary Dardenne said. "We're simply fulfilling the statutory requirement to remove these names from the voter rolls, but we're not depriving people of their right to vote. All they have to do is go to their parish registrar of voters and re-register with a valid address. I urge them to contact my office if they have any questions."

Secretary Dardenne said this year's cancellation will remove 83,702 voters, which represents about 2.9 percent of Louisiana's total number of registered voters.

Inactive voters can avoid having their registrations cancelled in the future by verifying or updating their address anytime during the two-year inactive period. Voters can change their address at their local registrar of voters' office, or at their precinct during any election.

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